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(d) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of making medical examination of motor drivers free of any charge or of reducing the fee only to a nominal sum; and

(e) what is the total income derived by the Government from the levy of licence fees under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules in the City of Madras during the year 1930?

A.—(a) The fee for a temporary licence which is valid for six months is Rs. 5. The licence may be renewed before the date of expiry for periods of six months at a time on payment of Rs. 3.

(b) The driver has to produce a medical certificate in the prescribed form when he first applies for a driving licence or, where he has not produced such a certificate before, at the time of renewal. The Commissioner of Police has, however, power to require a person who holds a driving licence to undergo a fresh medical examination if, in his opinion, to be recorded in writing, he has reasonable doubt as to the holder's physical fitness to drive a motor vehicle.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The Government have no information.

Motor cars and motor buses in the Presidency.

*178 Q.—Mr A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of private motor cars and of cars and buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1929 (figures to be given separately);

(b) the number of car and bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1929; and

(c) the proportion in which the number of accidents in 1929 has increased or decreased as compared with 1927 and 1928?

A.—A statement is placed on the table.[a]

Police

Alleged lathi charges made at Mangalore in June and July 1930.

*179 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many lathi charges by the police were made at Mangalore in June and July 1930; and what were the number of those injured and killed in each lathi charge and the nature of the wounds;

(b) whether the lathi charge on the first occasion in June 1930 was made on the civil disobedience volunteers who were marching in procession just as they entered the Humpannkutta circle, which is a meeting place of six or seven roads;

(c) whether the said circle was previously prohibited for public thoroughfare and whether it is one of the principal and busiest parts of the town;

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 417 infra.